WHAT IF...

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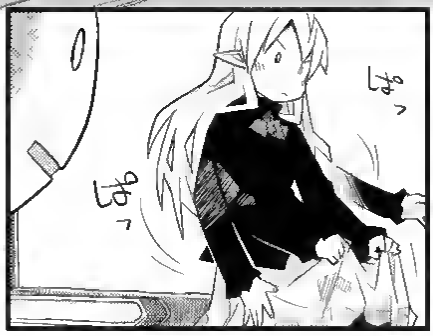
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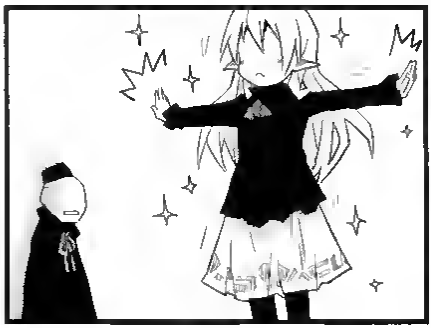
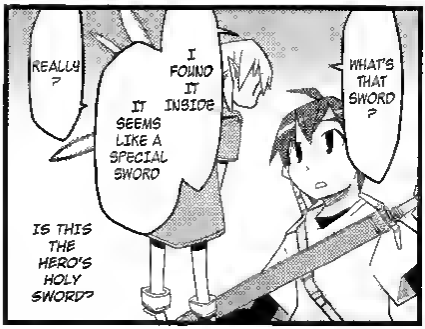
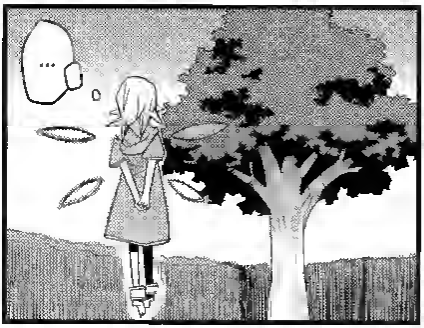
HE GOT TELEPORTED AND IS NOW
SOME-WHERE HERE IN THIS CASTLE ?




WHAT'S THAT SWORD?
I FOUND IT INSIDE
IT SEEMS LIKE A SPECIAL SWORD
REALLY?
IS THIS THE HERO'S HOLY SWORD?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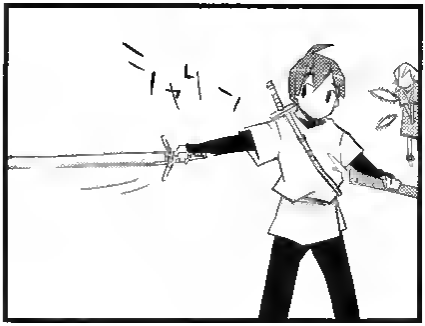
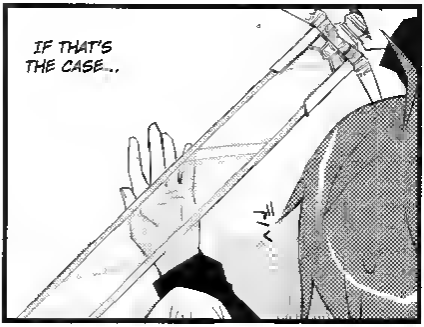
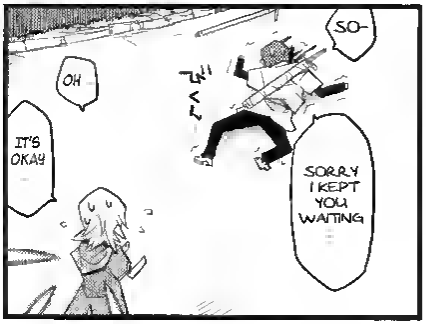



IF THAT'S THE CASE...

THIS SWORD KILLED THE PREVIOUS DEMON LORD, RIGHT?
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL HURT.
I DON'T LIKE IT...


SO-
OH
IT'S OKAY
SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING

I GUESS THIS SWORD IS IMPORT-ANT?
I DON'T KNOW. LET'S ASK THE FOLKS AT THE "PATH" HQ TOMORROW
AH, OK
BUT ...
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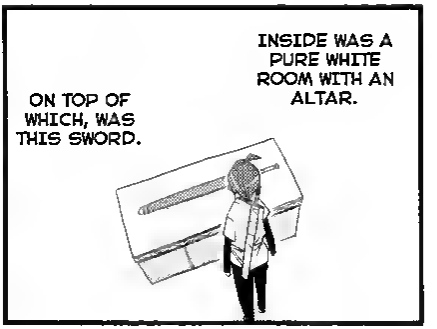
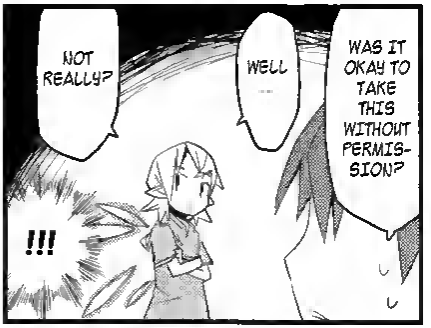

INSIDE WAS A PURE WHITE ROOM WITH AN ALTAR.
ON TOP OF WHICH, WAS THIS SWORD.


WAS IT OKAY TO TAKE THIS WITHOUT PERMIS-SION?
WELL ...
NOT REALLY?
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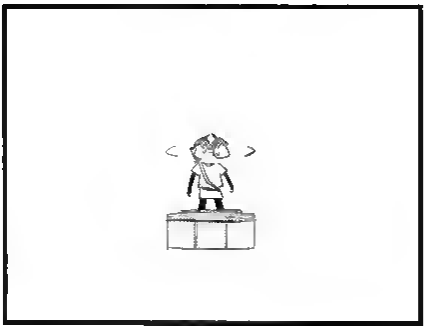
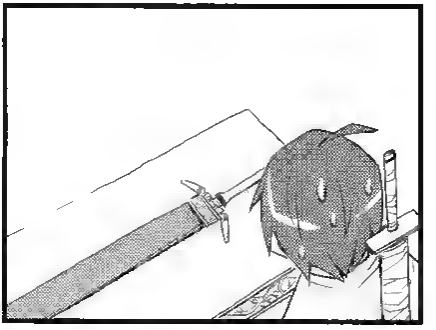
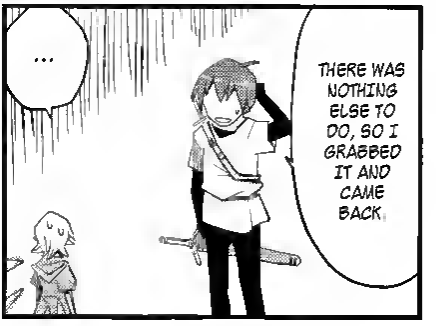


I MEAN, IF THEY FOUND OUT...
THEY MIGHT SAY THE SWORD BELONGS TO THE TOWN
THAT WOULD BE BAD...



IF ANYONE ASKS, WE BOUGHT THIS AT A LOCAL SHOP.
O-OKAY
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE HERO!!


THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO DO, SO I GRABBED IT AND CAME BACK.
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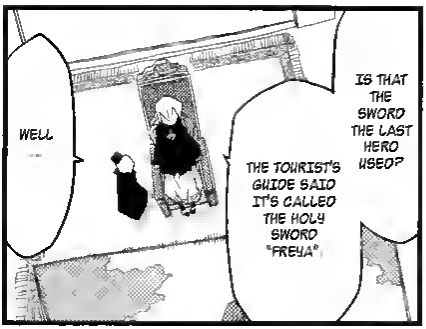
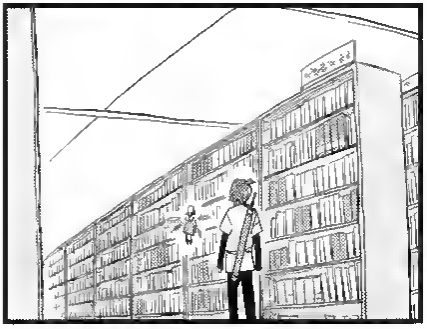
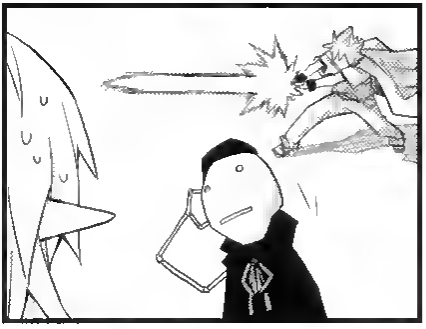
WHEN YOU'RE DONE PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE FRONT
TAKE THIS CARD, IT'LL LET YOU IN YOU CAN FREELY BROWSE ANY BOOKS THERE
YOU WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LIBRARY? SURE
OKAY


WELL...
THE TOURIST'S GUIDE SAID IT'S CALLED THE HOLY SWORD "FREYA"
IS THAT THE SWORD THE LAST HERO USED?

OKAY, IT LOOKS FINE, PLEASE GO AHEAD
LET ME JUST CHECK YOUR CARD
YES
DO YOU WANT TO GO IN?

BRIGHTER? IT GLOWED AND WAS LIKE VRUUUUMMM
THE SWORD THAT I KNEW ABOUT WAS...



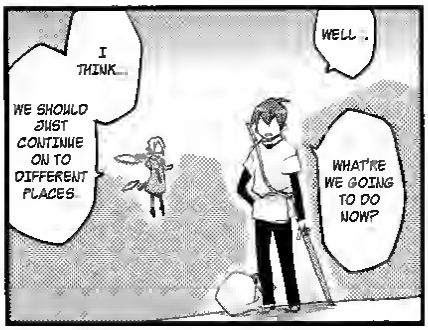


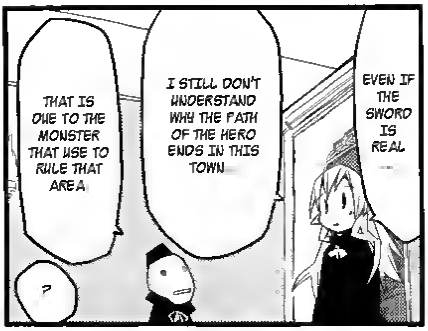
ARE ALL THESE BOOKS ABOUT THE HERO?
I GUESS SO...

ARE WE SURE THAT ONE IS THE REAL THING?

MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK AT IT?
UHH, SURE?
EQUIPMENT
THESE MARK-INGS...
THIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL
HEY!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S THE REAL THING!
THIS IS REALLY GREAT, BRO!
"LIKE" ?
IS THAT THE HOLY SWORD "FREYA" YOU GOT THERE?
!!?
DID YOU HAVE IT CUSTOM MADE? OR DID YOU TWO MAKE IT YOURSELF?
CUSTOM MADE?

IT'S ALMOST CLOSING TIME...
AH,
TIME TO GO
PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE EXIT
REPLICA SWORDS ARE KIND OF A MAN'S ROMANCE, Y'KNOW?
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A "FREYA" OF MY OWN TOO
PLEASE TEACH ME HOW YOU MADE THAT SWORD NEXT TIME, OKAY?
SURE
HA...
HAHA HAHA HAHA
IT'S AMAZING!
THIS IS REALLY WELL MADE.
SO IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE REAL THING, HUH?
I GUESS SO...
I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE.
AND YOU'RE STILL DOING MORE RESEARCH?
WHAT A PERFECTIONIST...


WELL...
I THINK...
WE SHOULD JUST CONTINUE ON TO DIFFERENT PLACES.
WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO NOW?


EVEN IF THE SWORD IS REAL...
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE PATH OF THE HERO ENDS IN THIS TOWN...
THAT IS DUE TO THE MONSTER THAT USE TO RULE THAT AREA.
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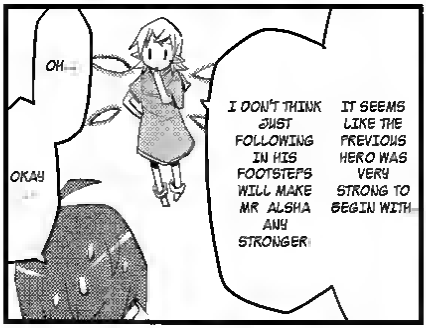
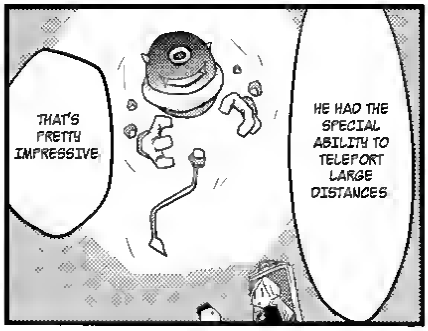
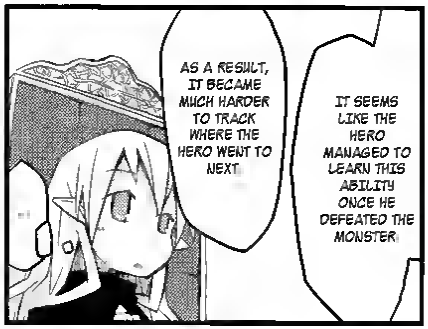

OH...
OKAY...
I DON'T THINK JUST FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS WILL MAKE MR. ALSHA ANY STRONGER.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE PREVIOUS HERO WAS VERY STRONG TO BEGIN WITH.


THAT'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
HE HAD THE SPECIAL ABILITY TO TELEPORT LARGE DISTANCES.


AS A RESULT, IT BECAME MUCH HARDER TO TRACK WHERE THE HERO WENT TO NEXT.
IT SEEMS LIKE THE HERO MANAGED TO LEARN THIS ABILITY ONCE HE DEFEATED THE MONSTER.

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YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO TEST THAT SWORD OUT, GOT IT? DON'T USE IT FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

GRR...

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THWACK!
GRRRR
THUNK
SHINK
WOOSH
GASP
HYMPTI

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NEXT CHAPTER IS A FLASHBACK WHERE WE GET TO SEE HOW MAO MET ALSHA. AFTER THAT, THE PLOT STARTS TO PICK UP SPEED... JUUUUST A LITTLE BIT.

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